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DEAR,SEN ROTH

I AM A RETIRED AIRFORCE PILOT AND EXECUTIVE JET PILOT. AND MY CAREER IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE SPORT OF MODEL AVIATION, FROM THE TIME I WAS SIX I HAVE BEEN BUILDING MODEL AIRCRAFT. AT THE PRESENT TIME I HAVE ABOUT 20,000 DOLLARS WORTH OF MODEL AIRCRAFT. SOME WORTH 3500 DOLLARS EACH. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF OUR LOCAL CLUB AND WE ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET INTO MODEL AVIATION AS AN ALTERNATE TO JUST HANGING AROUND ON THE STREETS. ALL OF OUR ASTRONAUTS WERE MODEL AIRCRAFT BUILDERS. THE MODEL AIRCRAFT HAS CHANGED IN THE PAST YEARS SINCE I WAS A BOY. THEY ARE NOW CONTROLLED BY RADIO AND SOME CAN FLY 200 MILES PER HOUR. THEY CAN WEIGH AS MUCH AS 55 POUNDS. AS YOU CAN SEE WE ARE NOT DEALING WITH A STICK AND TISSUE RUBBER POWERED MODEL THEY ARE MINIATURE AIRCRAFT WITH RETRACTING LANDING GEAR WORKING FLAPS FLASHING LIGHTS AND FLY LIKE A REAL AIRPLANE. NOW THIS GREAT SPORT IS THREATENED BY A PROPOSAL FROM THE FCC

THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION [FCC] IS CONSIDERING A PR DOCKET 92-235. IF ADOPTED, THE NEW RULES WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE USABILITY OF FREQUENCIES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FOR MODEL AIRCRAFT USE AND INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS AND ATTENDANT LIABILITY FOR CONTROLLING MODEL AIRCRAFT.

OUR RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES ARE IN THE 72 TO 76 MHZ BAND THIS BAND IS PRIMARILY USED FOR PRIVATE, LAND, MOBILE DISPATCH OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, OUR RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES IN THIS BAND ARE FAR ENOUGH APART FROM THE LAND MOBILE FREQUENCIES THAT WE ARE ABLE TO SHARE THE BAND WITHOUT EITHER USE INTERFERING WITH THE OTHER.

NOW THE FCC WANTS TO CREATE MORE LAND MOBILE FREQUENCIES BY SPLITTING THEM INTO NARROWER BAND WIDTHS AND REARRANGING THE BAND PLAN. AS A RESULT MANY LAND MOBILE FREQUENCIES WILL BE CLOSER TO THE RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES

PLEASE HELP ME CONTINUE THE SAFE ENJOYMENT OF MY AND MANY OTHERS
PASTIME, BY NOT ALLOWING THE FCC TO CARRY OUT ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE 72 TO-76
MHZ BAND.

SINCERELY,


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